

AN ACT

relating to the allocation of money in the judicial and court personnel training fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 56.004, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) The legislature shall appropriate funds from the judicial and court personnel training fund to the court of criminal appeals to provide for:

(1) continuing legal education, technical assistance, and other support programs for prosecuting attorneys and their personnel, criminal defense attorneys who regularly represent indigent defendants in criminal matters and their personnel, and justices of the peace and their court personnel; and

(2) innocence training programs for law enforcement officers, law students, and other participants.

(c) An allocation of funds to provide for continuing legal education, technical assistance, and other support programs for the personnel of criminal defense attorneys who regularly represent indigent defendants in criminal matters as described by Subsection (b)(1) must come from the grant of legal funds made by the court of criminal appeals under Section 56.003(f).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2014.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1245 was passed by the House on May 6, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 129, Nays 15, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1245 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor